

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently amended)* A trench wall cutter for cutting trenches of rectangular cross-section in the ground in order to carry out underground construction work, the trench wall cutter having a cutting device comprising:

trench cutting means for cutting trenches of rectangular cross-section in the ground
in order to carry out underground construction work, the trench cutting means including:
[[-]] first, second, third, and fourth cutting wheels drivable in rotary manner in first and
second oppositely directed rotation directions, wherein the first and second cutting wheels
are arranged in a first pair in rotary manner about a first common rotation axis, the third and
fourth cutting wheels are arranged in a second pair in rotary manner about a second common
rotation axis, and the first and second common rotation axes are parallel to each other, and
[[-]] at least one first cutting element means, located on each cutting wheel, for removing
soil material during a rotation of the cutting wheel in a first rotation direction, wherein [[-]]
on each cutting wheel is provided and at least one second cutting element means, located on
each cutting wheel, for removing soil material during rotation of the cutting wheel in an
oppositely directed, second rotation direction, [[-]] at least one of the cutting elements means
on each cutting wheel is being displaceably mounted between a first position for removing
soil material and a retracted, second position and

[[-]]~~a control device is provided means for the displacement of~~ ~~displacing~~ the cutting elements means between the first position and the second position.

2. *(Currently amended)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the first cutting element means and the second cutting element means are displaceable.

3. *(Currently amended)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 2, wherein the second cutting element means can be displaced into the other position by the control device means during the displacement of the first cutting element means.

4. *(Canceled)*

5. *(Currently amended)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device means is operable by a force exerted by the outcropping ground during rotary operation.

6. *(Currently amended)* The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein the control device means has at least one pivoted lever positioned on a circumferential surface of the cutting wheel.

7. (*Previously presented*) The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever has a pivot axis provided parallel to a rotation axis of the cutting wheel.

8. (*Previously presented*) The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever is constructed symmetrically to the pivot axis.

9. (*Currently amended*) The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the first and second cutting ~~elements~~ means are arranged pairwise on the pivoted lever.

10. (*Previously presented*) The trench wall cutter according to claim 6, wherein the pivoted lever has at least one stop which engages on a circumferential surface of the cutting wheel for limiting a control path of the pivoted lever.

11. (*Currently amended*) The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the cutting ~~elements~~ means is a cutting tooth with a unilaterally formed cutting edge.

12-13. (*Canceled*)

14. (*Previously presented*) The trench wall cutter according to claim 1, further comprising a frame and bearing plates, wherein the cutting wheels are fixed in rotary manner to the frame by respective bearing plates.

15. (*Previously presented*) The trench wall cutter according to claim 14, wherein the frame is constructed as a support plate.

16. (*Previously presented*) The trench wall cutter according to claim 14, wherein the cutting wheels include laterally pivotable hinged teeth arranged circumferentially thereon for stripping the soil below the bearing plates.

17. (*Currently amended*) A trench wall cutter for cutting trenches of rectangular cross-section in the ground in order to carry out underground construction work, the trench wall cutter having a cutting device comprising:

trench cutting means for cutting trenches of rectangular cross-section in the ground
in order to carry out underground construction work, the trench cutting means including:
[[]] first, second, third, and fourth cutting wheels drivable in rotary manner in first and
second oppositely directed rotation directions, wherein the first and second cutting wheels
are arranged in a first pair in rotary manner about a first common rotation axis, the third and
fourth cutting wheels are arranged in a second pair in rotary manner about a second common
rotation axis, and the first and second common rotation axes are parallel to each other, and
[[-]] at least one first cutting element means, located on each cutting wheel, for removing
soil material during a rotation of the cutting wheel in a first rotation direction, wherein [[-]]
on each cutting wheel is provided and at least one second cutting element means, located on
each cutting wheel, for removing soil material during rotation of the cutting wheel in an

oppositely directed, second rotation direction, at least one of the cutting ~~elements~~ means on each cutting wheel is being displaceably mounted between a first position for removing soil material and a retracted, second position and

[[[-]]] a control device is provided means for the displacement of displacing the cutting ~~elements~~ means between the first position and the second position.